

# **LETTER CIRCULAR - Institute for Education**

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**To the attention of:** Heads (College Network), Heads of Schools, Assistant Heads of State and Non-State, Assistant Directors, Education Officers, Heads of Department, Teachers and

Sections

Subject: Accredited Micro-Placement Stand-Alone Module commencing June 2023 – August

2023.

**Application Link:** M95/01/2023 **Deadline:** Friday, 7 April 2023

Fee: EUR 100 (€30.00 following Get Qualified scheme rebate)

The Institute for Education is accepting applications submitted online for the Award in Micro-Placement in the Industry (MQF Level 7, 10 ECTS) undertaken during June 2023 – August 2023.

Experiential learning integrates knowledge and theory learned with practical application. Participants following this Award will be undertaking placements within the industry in order to gain different experiences outside of the school setting. These placements, also called Micro-Placements will be undertaken during June 2023 – August 2023 for a total duration of 180 hours. Micro-placements allow participants to gain first-hand experiences within an industry of their choice, which are different from that of the classrooms. Placements are to take place are to occur outside of the school/classroom-based settings. It is to be noted that these placements are non-remunerated.

The module is generally structured in a manner which supports course participants to reflect on the experience that they will be gaining; therefore, together with hands-on training, a mixture of blended-learning (face-to-face and online) sessions requiring attendance are organised. Generally, five sessions are organised in May and one session in June. For the entire duration of the hands-on training, the placement will take place at one of the registered *Contributors*. Contributors are Micro-Placement providers who have committed to taking course participants within their workplace. The Institute regularly accepts stakeholders interest in becoming a Contributor with IfE; therefore, the *Contributor's List* is regularly updated. Types of possible contributors include employers, NGOs, the tourism and hospitality industry, private organisations, Local Councils, the public sector and public services. Whilst the IfE offers an array of contributors one can choose from, participants are encouraged to find their placement to ensure that the experience provided will meet their expectations.



For further details on this Award please visit the designated Micro-Placement page on the <a href="Melbsite">MELSITE</a> Website.

# **Accelerated Progression Scheme**

Each ECTS achieved through this Award is worth twenty-five (25) hours of total learning in the **Accelerated Progression Scheme**. The certificate for this Stand-Alone Module will be provided through Blockerts.

### **Technological Requirements**

Although this module is mainly based on industry experience, all accepted participants must ensure that they have a strong internet connection and working microphone and camera for synchronous (live) online introductory sessions.

### **Get Qualified Scheme**

This course falls under the Get Qualified Scheme, an initiative supporting the achievement of qualifications and certifications required by industry. Upon successful completion of the qualification the student may be entitled to benefit from a tax credit to recover part of the costs incurred throughout their studies.



Following the Get Qualified Scheme rebate the actual cost for this module is that of €30.00

For further information, application and procedures kindly follow:

http://www.maltaenterprise.com/support/get-qualified-2017-2023

This Scheme is administered by the Ministry for Education and is independent from the Institute for Education.

#### **Submission of applications**

Interested applicants are kindly asked to submit an online application by following this <u>link</u>. Deadline for submission of applications is **Friday**, **7 April 2023**. Places are limited to ten (10) eligible applicants who will be selected on a first-come first-served basis.

Thank you.

Joanne Grima
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